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SECRET SIGNS.

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THE THREE LOVERS.

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SELECTED.

Wilberforce's Speech on Potatoes.

About thirty years ago, when only one [illegible] was given on an average every twenty-six minutes, and when the people had to sit for many hours at a time, they were often at a loss what to do with themselves. On one occasion, when laboring under an attack of ennui, Jack Finnerty, a well-known reporter of that period, in the House of Commons, turned out—

"Mr. Speaker, will you favor us with a song?"

A roar of laughter followed from all parts of the House. One of the officers immediately conducted to the gallery, and inquired who the owner was; dark Finnerty, without opening his mouth, pointed to a Quaker of very distinctive stature who was sitting in the front seat. The officer immediately [illegible] and without ceremony [illegible] the way to the wheelbarrow, dragged him down stairs, and transferred him to the care of the sergeant-at-arms, who, after keeping him in safe custody [illegible] the fees, and then turned him out to pay [illegible] lodgings, at the expense of the following fine.

[illegible] the debate, which [illegible] being one evening [illegible] Jack Finnerty, who had [illegible] reporter at [illegible] the House, and that [illegible] a little nap, [illegible] takes place. The [illegible] and, at an moment, was [illegible] the arms of Morpheus. An [illegible] and rather a loud snore, Jack [illegible] Speaker rapped to the order, [illegible] Finnerty, who had [illegible] the House, [illegible] Finnerty, who had been [illegible] reporter at [illegible] way, and that [illegible] a little nap, [illegible] takes place. The [illegible] and, at an moment, was [illegible] the arms of Morpheus. An [illegible] and rather a loud snore, Jack [illegible] Speaker rapped to the order